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SUBJ: OPERATIONAL TRAINING FOLLOWING UNDERGRADUATE PILOT

TRAINING FOR KUWAIT CADETS

REF: A. FMS CASE KU-TAC (USA)
B. SECDEF 5200 DTG 082055Z MAR 74
C. KUWAIT 0796 DTG 021000Z MAR 74
D. FMS CASE KU-SAE-P4
E. KUWAIT 0810 DTG 190743Z FEB 75 (NOTAL)

1. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT APPEARS THAT APPROXIMATELY 35
KUWAITI AIR CADETS WILL COMPLETE USAF PILOT TRAINING
UNDER REF (A).

2. REF (B) ACKNOWLEDGED THE GOK REQUIREMENT FOR OPERATIONAL
TYPE TRAINING FOLLOWING UPT AS STATED IN REF (C).

3. AS STATED IN REF (E), TRAINING PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH
REF (D) HAS APPROXIMATELY A ONE-YEAR GAP BETWEEN COMPLETION
OF USAF UPT AND START OF USN A4 CONVERSION TRAINING. KUWAIT
AIR FORCE HAS STATED THEY DO NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE
OPERATIONAL TRAINING FOR THESE FLEDGLING PILOTS DURING
INTERIM ONE YEAR. (THEIR LACK OF TRAINING CAPABILITY IS
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BASIC REASON FOR SENDING THEIR CADETS TO US.)

4. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE LOSS OF PROFICIENCY AND DEVALUATING MORALE EFFECTS OF NO FLYING FOR ONE YEAR ON NEWLY RATED PILOTS IS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL.

5. LOCALLY, WE CANNOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, WE CAN PROVIDE THE INFORMATION THAT THE BULK OF THE PILOTS TO FLY THE 36 A4 BEING PROVIDED MUST COME FROM THE CADETS CURRENTLY IN USAF UPT (CASE TAC) OR FROM THE 52 WHO REPORTED TO DLIELS ON 1MAR75 UNDER CASE TAA-P5. KAF NOW CARRIES 50 OFFICERS AS PILOTS WITH ABOUT 30 IN A FLIGHT STATUS. THERE ARE MORE KUWAITIS FLYING IN CONUS THAN IN KUWAIT.

6. IN DISCUSSIONS OF PROBLEM WITH KAF, USN A4 SITE SURVEY TEAM AND DOD REP, KAF HAS ASKED IF THE FIRST 30 COMPLETIONS UNDER CASE TAC COULD RECEIVE OPERATIONAL TRAINING WHICH WOULD PREPARE THEM FOR FIGHTERS. (NOTE: MIRAGE F-1 DUE IN 4TH QTR CY75). THIS WOULD THEN LEAVE APPROX 15 PILOTS COMPLETING TRAINING DURING PERIOD MAR-JUL76 TO BE ADDRESSED.

7. FROM OTHER DISCUSSION, IT APPEARS KAF DESIRES TRAINING FOR ABOUT 12 HELICOPTER PILOTS. (THEY NEED THESE ALSO.) IF A4 CONVERSION TRAINING CANNOT BE REASONABLY ACCOMMODATED, HELO TRAINING FOR THESE 15 MIGHT BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE KAF.

8. REQUEST ADVISE IF FIGHTER (F5?) ORIENTED OPERATIONAL TRAINING IS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST 20 COMPLETIONS UNDER CASE TAC AND HELO TRAINING FOR REMAINDER. ALSO, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER FIGHTER TRAINING FOR ALL 35 AS AN ALTERNATIVE. NEXT DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER SCHEDULED FOR 120600Z MAR 75.
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